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E.O. 11652: N/A  
TAGS: TBIO, QA  
SUBJECT: LAETRILE (AMYGDALIN)

REF: STATE 049069

1. HAVE DISCUSSED QUESTION ON LAETRILE WITH DR. OMAR HASHISHO, DIRECTOR OF MEDICAL PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES FOR THE STATE OF QATAR, AND WITH MR. ALAN SPIHER, UNFAO PROJECT DIRECTOR (EX USFDA), WHO IS WRITING FOOD AND DRUG LAWS FOR QATAR. ACCORDING TO HASHISHO AND SPIHER THEY ARE UNAWARE OF ANY SALES OF LAETRILE IN QATAR AS CANCER CURE OR FOR ANY OTHER PURPOSE. HOWEVER, SINCE LAWS HAVE NOT YET BEEN WRITTEN AND DRUG REGULATION IS SPOTTY AT BEST, THEY CANNOT BE SURE THAT LAETRILE IS NOT BEING USED IN QATAR. ALSO SINCE NO ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURE EXISTS FOR PRESCRIBED DRUGS OTHER THAN THOSE CLASSIFIED AS NARCOTICS, THE GOVT IS NOT IN POSITION TO DENY USE OF LAETRILE IF DOCTOR PRESCRIBES IT.

2. CUSTOMS DIRECTOR HAS TOLD EMBOFF THAT TO HIS KNOWLEDGE NO LAETRILE HAS BEEN BROUGHT INTO QATAR  
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